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1. WE HAVE INFORMED THE GOI OF DISCONTINUANCE OF MAP
SPARE PARTS SUPPORT FOR THE EAST-WEST HIGHWAY, BOTH
ORALLY AND BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS AND WISHES TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF THE
STATUS OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)
SUPPORT FUNDS FOR THE EAST-WEST HIGHWAY PROJECT IN
NEPAL. DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF THE PROJECT, THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGREED TO PROVIDE THE
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT THAT COULD NOT BE
PROCURED LOCALLY AT THAT TIME, AND COMMITTED SPARE-
PARTS SUPPORT FOR THIS EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$2.6 MILLION. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS
ESTIMATED THAT BY THE END OF US FISCAL YEAR 1978
(30 SEPTEMBER 1978) THESE FUNDS WILL BE EXHAUSTED
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WHEN PARTS CURRENTLY IN THE PIPELINE ARE DELIVERED.

3. AS THE MINISTRY IS AWARE, UNDER TERMS OF THE ARMS
EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976 INDIA IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE
FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) RECIPIENT STATUS.
CONSEQUENTLY, NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS CAN BE OBTAINED FOR
THIS PROJECT. THE EMBASSY, THEREFORE, REGRETS THAT IT

CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT REQUISITIONS UNDER MAP FUNDING FOR SPARE PARTS SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT.

4. SHOULD ADDITIONAL SPARE PARTS BE REQUIRED, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MAY WISH TO CONSIDER EITHER 1) PURCHASE THROUGH THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) PROGRAM OR 2) DIRECT COMMERCIAL PURCHASE. AT THE MINISTRY'S REQUEST, THE US DEFENSE SUPPLY REPRESENTATIVE CAN PROVIDE COST DATA AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR ESTABLISHING AN FMS RELATIONSHIP.

5. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO STATE THAT DISCONTINUANCE OF THE MAP-FUNDED SPARE-PARTS SUPPORT DOES NOT AFFECT COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, AS LONG AS THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ELECTS TO RETAIN USE OF THE MAP-PROVIDED EQUIPMENT.

6. THE EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE. GOHEEN

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